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Applicant: Browne et al.
Serial No.: 09/827,885
Filed: April 6, 2001
For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A
DETERGENT BAR

Group: 1732
Examiner: A.Y. Ortiz
Edgewater, NJ 07020
August 26, 2003

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
Under 35 USC 121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Request for Restriction Requirement due September 13, 2003, and the Restriction Requirement set forth by the Examiner.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby elect with traverse claims 1 to 12 drawn to a process of manufacturing a detergent bar.

Applicants respectfully point out that claim 13 contains exactly the same limitations as process claim 1 with the addition of an apparatus element for carrying out the process. Claim 14 depends from claim 13. Therefore, it should not be an undue

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hardship for the Examiner to search both classes of claims together since both relate specifically to detergent bar manufacturing and have the same limitations.

If the restriction requirement is maintained and, upon allowance of the process claims, applicants request rejoinder of the apparatus (product) claims (MPEP 821.04) in the case.

If a telephone conversation would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the present application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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